

Powers and Responsibilities

Each section below explains the main responsibilities of the governance bodies and the suggested changes to the position.

** indicates a legal requirement*

General Assemblies

Responsibility	Suggested Position
Elect the President and directors (except the Athlete Cttee Chair)	No change
Remove the President or any director *	No change
Amend the Constitution *	No change
Receive the annual audited financial statements *	No change
Appoint the external auditors *	No change
Approve the annual subscriptions	New
Approve the Board's Financial Plan and receive reports on progress	New
Approve World Sailing's strategy and receive reports on progress	New
Admit, suspend and expel Members	New
Approve changes to the Regulations	Modified to accept or reject changes
Approve criteria for location of meetings	New
Approve or reject the events and equipment for the Olympic Games	New
Appoint the Election Committee	No change
Decide submissions referred directly by a Member	Removed
Appoint Disciplinary Tribunal and Investigations Panel	New

Council

Responsibility	Suggested Position
Decide World Sailing policy	No change
Monitor the implementation of World Sailing policies	New
Receive reports from committees and recommendations	No change
Decide strategic priorities of World Sailing	Transferred to General Assembly. Board must consult Council first.
Decide Olympic Events and Equipment	No change – subject to GA approval
Decide Paralympic Events and Equipment	No change – subject to GA approval

Admit, suspend and expel Members	Transferred to General Assembly
Making and amending the Regulations, Racing Rules, Equipment Rules, and Offshore Special Regulations	Transferred to Board
Appoint committee members	Modified – can accept or reject list only

Board

Responsibility	Suggested Position
Propose strategic priorities of World Sailing, having consulted Council first	No change
Implement policy decisions	No change
Admit or suspend Members on a provisional basis	New
Final responsibility for all financial and corporate affairs *	No change
Supervise the work of the Chief Executive Officer and staff*	No change
Appoint and remove the Chief Executive Officer *	No change
Nominate the members of Committees for appointment	No change
Make and amend Regulations	New – currently Council
Approve World Sailing events and the calendar of the events	No change
Review/change decisions concerning the Racing Rules or Equipment Rules	New – currently Council
Approve and sanction World Sailing events and special events	No change
Appoint race officials to events	No change – done through Board WP
Appoint and dissolve Sub-committees of the Board**	New
Appoint Working Parties jointly with Committees (including terms of reference and activity plans)	New – currently each Committee on its own
Resolve and determine disputes not provided for under Constitution/Regs	No change

*** The Board cannot dissolve Committees/Sub-committees/Commissions set out in the Constitution, only that it can create and dissolve its own Board committees to carry out Board-specific tasks. Note: there must be an Audit Committee.*

Chief Executive Officer

Responsibility	Suggested Position
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Lead staff and executive management team	No change
Implement Council and Board decisions	No change
Financial management	No change
Management of corporate assets	No change
Decision-making under delegated authorities from Board	No change
Administrative and managerial support to Council, Committees, Working Groups and Independent Bodies	No change
Develop policy proposals for consideration by governance bodies	New